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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE

1. SUMMARY: IN AN EFFORT TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO THE MASSIVE ENERGY AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROBLEMS FACING JAMAICA, THE PRIME MINISTER, TWO OF HIS CABINET OFFICERS AND THE CHARIMAN OF THE BANK OF JAMAICA ARE OR WILL BE TRAVELLING TO VARIOUS CAPITALS. END SUMMARY

2. THE PRIME MINISTER DEPARTS TODAY FOR LONDON WHERE HE IS SCHEDULED TO HAVE TALKS WITH PRIMIN HEATH ON THE LONG-TERM IMPLICATIONS FOR JAMAICA OF THE FUEL CRISIS. THE PRESS REPORTS THAT THE TALKS WILL CENTER ON THE MARKETING IN BRITAIN AND EUROPE OF SUGAR AND BANANAS IN LINE WITH THE PM'S RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE GOJ HOPED TO RE-NEGOTIATE THE PRICES RECEIVED

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FOR THESE PRODUCTS.

3. MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY P.J. PATTERSON
DEPARTED YESTERDAY FOR THE CARIFTA AND CARICOM MEETINGS
IN GEORGETOWN WHERE, HE SAID, THE PRINCIPAL TOPIC
IS LIKELY TO BE THE FUEL CRISIS. PATTERSON ADDED THAT
THE CARICOM MINISTERS WOULD BE UPDATING THEIR PLANS FOR
NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EEC

4. FINANCE MINISTER COORE AND BANK OF JAMAICA CHARIMAN
BROWN ARE, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, EXPECTED TO VISIT
WASHINGTON AND ROME IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO MEET WITH
REPRESENTATIVES OF OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES IN AN EFFORT
TO SECURE SUPPLIES FOR JAMAICA. NO DETAILED ITINERARY
FOR THIS MISSION HAS BEEN RELEASED, HOWEVER.

5. COMMENT. THIS SPATE OF DIPLOMATIC MANUEVERING
IS CONCRETE EVIDENCE TO THE JAMAICAN PEOPLE THAT MANLEY
INTENDS TO PULL OUT ALL THE STOPS IN HIS EFFORTS TO
SECURE FUEL SUPPLIES AT REASONABLE PRICES, SECURE A
REASONABLE PRICE FOR JAMAICA'S EXPORTS AND AVERT A
FURTHER DETERIORATION IN JAMAICA'S ECONOMY IN 1974.
WHILE IT IS HOPED THAT HE WILL SUCCEED, THERE IS LITTLE
EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST THAT HE AND HIS CABINET COLLEAGUES
KNOW PRECISELY WHAT THEY WANT OR HOW TO GO ABOUT GETTING
IT. HEWITT

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